Service Date: November 30, 1983

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application Of FARMER'S UNION CENTRAL EXCHANGE, INCORPORATED, For Authority To Transfer Certain Assets To Other Interested Parties.

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 83.10.76
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5034

V 83-48

Farmer's Union Central Exchange, Incorporated, dba CENEX Big Sky Pipeline, recently purchased the Montana assets of Bow Pipeline Company.

Along with the operating assets purchased, a series of service assets were also acquired, including a certain gathering system in Toole County, Montana.

CENEX Big Sky Pipeline now has an opportunity to sell its interests in all or portions of the said gathering system.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 19, 1983, a petition was filed with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission pursuant to jurisdiction established by 69-13-101, MCA., et. seq., authorize the transfer of the Rights, Title and Interests in the Kevin-Sunburst Gathering System of the CENEX Big Sky Pipeline, said system located in T. 35 N., R. 1W; T. 34, 35 and 36 N., R 2 W; and T. 35 N., R. 3 W, Toole County, Montana to other interested parties.
  - 2. The Farmers Union Central Exchange alleges that the said

gathering system has been out of service for some years and is not part of the operating system as it exists today.

- 3. The Farmers Union Central Exchange further alleges that the sale of the said gathering system will not affect the service presently provided by shippers of record on the CENEX Big Sky Pipeline.
- 4. This petition was an information item on the Commission agenda on November 21, 1983.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. This Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and matters contained in this Docket.
- 2. The application demonstrates that transfer of ownership will not result in inadequate service.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THAT:

1. The Farmers Union Central Exchange is hereby authorized to transfer its assets in the Kevin-Sunburst Gathering System to other interested parties.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 28th day of November, 1983 by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.